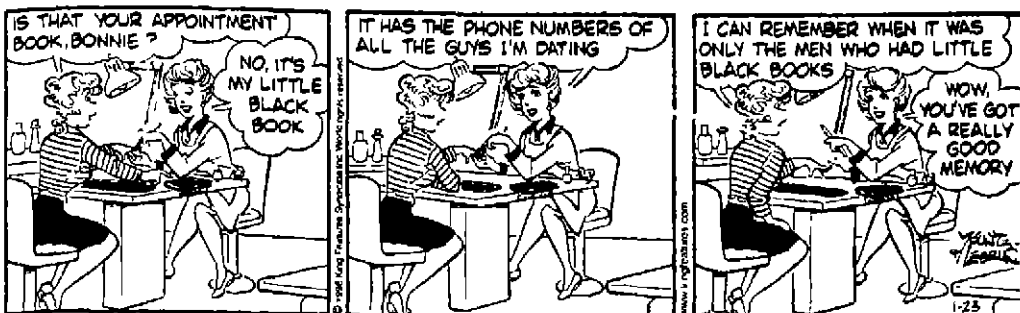
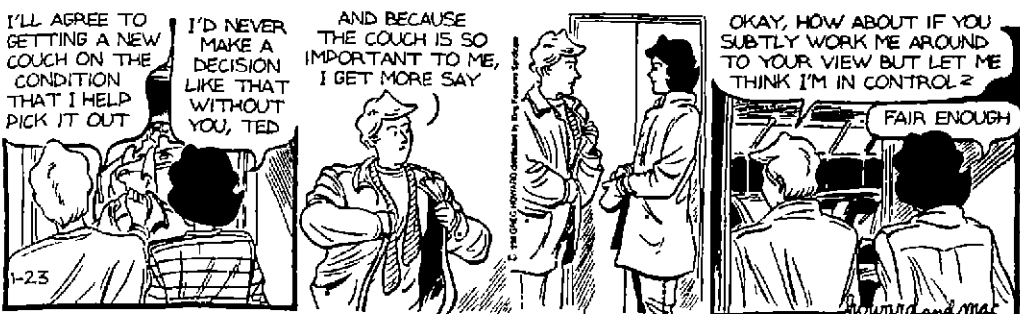


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



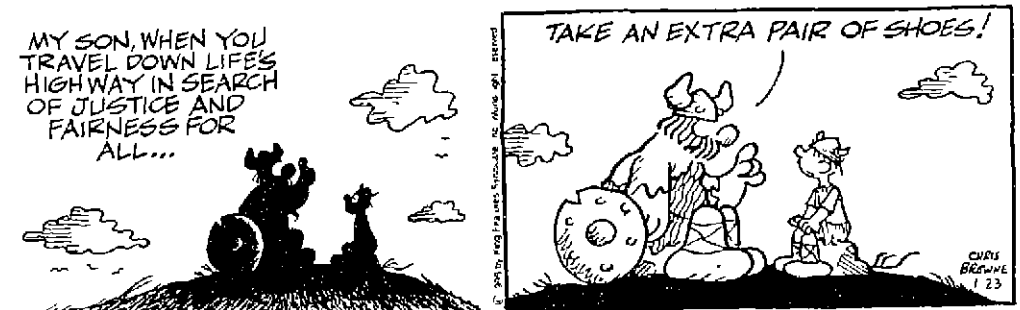
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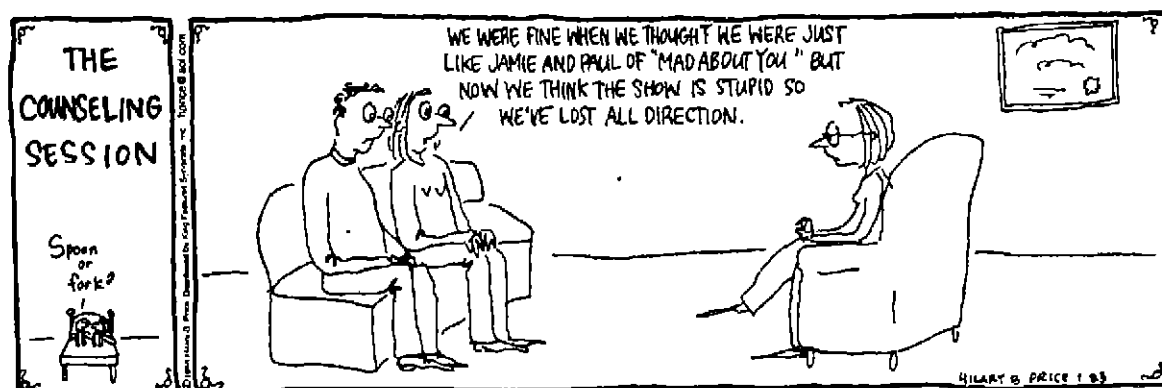
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Historian **Joseph Nathan Kane** is 99.
Actor **Gil Gerard** is 55.
Actor **Rutger Hauer** is 54.
Rhythm and blues singer **Jerry Lawson** (The Persuasions) is 54.
Singer **Anita Pointer** is 50.
Actor **Richard Dean Anderson** is 48.
Rock singer **Robin Zander** (Cheap Trick) is 45.
Princess **Caroline of Monaco** is 41.
Singer **Anita Baker** is 40.
Reggae musician **Earl Falconer** (UB40) is 39.
Rhythm and blues singer **Marc Nelson** is 27.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's Solution Tomorrow 1-23-98

PAR SCORE 110-120 BY JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN.

RACK 1: K, E, O, O, J, Y, C

RACK 2: A, A, A, S, S, S, Y

RACK 3: H, G, B, I, A, T, N

RACK 4: F, A, A, E, E, L, G

4th Letter Triple

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Hair —

T Z V S G P L I E B Y V G R O
L I F C Z E V A E W W N T Q N
K I F C S P L I T T I N G Z W
U R P M J P H C E S C N Z T X
U S O N L J R G I E I C N Z H
X V T R P N B A L L J A H T T
E C A Y W V R T Y R L R W F G
P N L K I G U T E P E O C A N
B Z X W U S S R M Y R L F H E
P O M L J I H I R G L O S S L
G E D B A Y X D W U E C E I P

Thursday's unlisted clue: WALKER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue hint: BLOWS HOT AIR

Brush Growth Piece Spray
Color Implant Raising Styling
Follicle Length Shaft Weave
Gel Loss Splitting

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use your intuition and be smart enough to see through the games that a co-worker is playing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Avoid making promises to a loved one that you might not be able to fulfill. Prepare yourself for a co-worker who is momentarily out of sorts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged if you see a friendship that is near and dear to your heart changing. It is only temporary.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It is very important that you encourage a young family member to undertake a new project. Your direction is crucial.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are fighting a lot of emotion, so carefully monitor your flood tides and don't get thrown into a possibly embarrassing situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Are you falling in love again? This time around, you must demand a little bit less of your mate and a little bit more from yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A difficult chapter in your life is soon coming to a close. You can get a fresh start by socializing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you listen to new ideas and suggestions from a honcho, you will be able to avoid getting yourself into hot water.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't allow your workload to back up on you. Get an early start on a project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Make sure you are using your credit wisely. Don't be discouraged by a much-anticipated meeting that could well prove to be disappointing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is an important time to make sure you have set career goals for your future. Avoid a tendency to goof off.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You've been letting chores around the household slide a bit, so now is the time to get things in order.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

In a hotly contested team match, today's deal produced a lively post-mortem. After identical bidding sequences, four spades was doubled at both tables. One declarer succeeded, the other went down one. One South was faulted for poor play, and both Wests were criticized for bad doubles. At the first table, South took dummy's diamond ace and carelessly led a low trump. Accompanied by much embarrassment, the game failed, with South losing three trump tricks and the club ace for one down. In the replay, South was more careful. He fed a heart to his king at trick two and led a low spade toward dummy's 10. This prudent maneuver limited West to only two trump tricks, and South scored his doubled vulnerable game. Who earned the booby prizes and why? East and North had a clean slate. East's pre-empt of three diamonds was very descriptive, as were North's opening bid and his rebid. Both Wests were debilitated with a poor double. When partner pre-empted (especially at this vulnerability) one should not count on his contributing any defensive tricks. Therefore, West should have remained silent over four spades, hoping for the best. The careless South gave West a reprieve for his silly double. He played as if he hadn't heard the double, and his rash play in trumps earned his side a huge loss instead of a tie for the deal.

NORTH 01-23-A
 ♠ 10 6
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ A J 6
 ♣ K J 10 9 5

WEST ♠ K Q 9 2
 ♥ Q 8 7 6 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ A 6

EAST ♠ —
 ♥ J 9 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ 3

SOUTH ♠ A J 8 7 5 4 3
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ 3
 ♣ Q 8 7

Vulnerable North-South
 Dealer: North

The bidding
 North East South West
 1 ♣ 3 ♦ 3 ♠ Pass
 3 NT Pass 4 ♠ Dbl
 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond four

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1212

ACROSS

- 1 Fit
 7 Cricket sounds
 13 Ordinary
 14 More available for use
 16 Brother of Tamar, in the Bible
 17 Pestiferous
 18 Mathematician's ordinal
 19 "The Lux Show" star of 50's TV
 21 Empty (of)
 22 Deadline, sometimes
 24 Jackson and others
 25 —Honey (candy bar)

- 26 Register
 28 Map rtes
 29 Apply (for)
 30 Comics debut of 3/12/51
 33 Caddy's item
 34 Four-star ratings, say
 40 Move, in a way
 41 Up to, informally
 42 Reddish-orange brown
 43 Order on an order
 44 I.Q. test name
 46 In — (undisturbed)
 47 Whip
 48 Card game also called high-low-jack

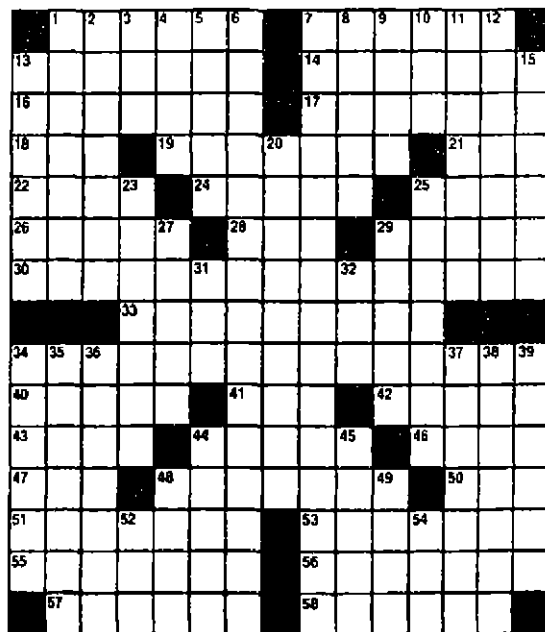
- 50 McDaniel of C&W
 51 Speak for the dead
 53 Hauling fee
 55 Make like new
 56 Removed by melting, e.g.
 57 In Solomon's way
 58 Kind of room

DOWN

- 1 Low sound
 2 Like Samson, before Delilah
 3 Gilbert and Sullivan princess
 4 Sprinkle after a shower
 5 Part of a famous plane name
 6 Without reticence
 7 It has a 60-year cycle
 8 Small game
 9 Very dark
 10 Map rtes
 11 1942 Abbott and Costello movie
 12 Arab, e.g.
 13 Kind of flight
 14 Not in its original form
 16 At risk
 17 Going on and on

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PAP BRANDS TOOT
 AFL REDOAK ERMA
 IOU APATHY ADAM
 NOSEGAYS LASERS
 BTINGS OLIVER
 FRET LINTOTYPE
 MAYOR ADMEN OIL
 ENOL PRIES NULL
 TAU REINS CORES
 STATURES POTS
 CUBIST INSTEP
 TITLES ONETOONE
 ANNA HORACE DTS
 ITON ELEVEN ARTS
 LOWE DESERT YES



Puzzle by Manny Nozowsky

- 25 — of joy (newborns)
 27 Permissible
 28 Toehold?
 31 Part of A.S.P.A. Abbr
 32 Big —
 34 Hole in the ground
 35 Antique dealers' deals
 36 Locale in a 1964 hit
- 37 Provide pizzazz
 38 Whole thing
 39 Bear-clawed
 44 Automobile headlight holder
- 45 Certain engine
 46 Support, with "with"
 49 Lifeline site
 52 Prince in Ezekiel
 54 Trap

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